

North Carolina Turnpike Authority Board
December 5, 2003
Gastonia, North Carolina

Chairman Lyndo Tippet called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2003 at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Gastonia. Board Member John Culbertson was absent. Chairman Tippet read the Governor's ethics statement. Board Member Perry Safran made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2003 minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tippet welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the sponsors for inviting the Board to Gastonia.

The board received public input on a candidate toll project, the Garden Parkway in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. Board Member Bob Spencer introduced speakers Representative Sue Myrick and Senator David Hoyle. They spoke briefly on the importance of the Garden Parkway toll project for the area. (Please see the attached listing of speakers from the area supporting this project.) The board was extend an invitation to have their next meeting in Union County.

Chairman Tippet thanked everyone for their input endorsing the project. He then called on Vic Potect to speak on the E-470 Public highway authority in Colorado.

Calvin Leggett presented interim guidelines for the public involvement process to the board for their consideration. Board Member Sang Hamilton made a motion to accept the public involvement process as presented and Board Member Allen Dameron seconded the motion.

Mr. Leggett brought board members up-to-date on website development and asked board members how they wanted the website structured and the personal information the members wanted on the site. Allan Damerson made a motion to have the NCTA website reflect the same information as the Board of Transportation and Perry Safran seconded the motion.

Chairman Tippet asked Mike Stanley to brief the board members on the Turnpike Association membership. Mike distributed information for review and the discussion was deferred to the January meeting.

The board decided to have the next meeting on January 15, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Raleigh.

Board Member Lanny Wilson advised the board the March meeting dates were March 17 and 18 in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Secretary Tippet concluded the meeting by saying that we know the need is now and will work diligently to move the project forward as rapidly as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25

Minutes prepared by: Alice Murphy